up and employment to be generated under the REGP during the remaining period of the Tenth Plan in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar are as under:

| Year | Uttar Pradesh | | Bihar | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Number of untis | Employment (Number of persons) | Number of units | Employment (Number of persons) |
| 2004-2005 | 2799 | 65725 | 1049 | 20975 |
| 2005-2006 | 3614 | 72298 | 1154 | 23073 |
| 2006-2007 | 3977 | 79527 | 1269 | 25380 |

**New policy for ARIs**

2473. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to formulate a new policy of Agro and Rural Industries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) and (b) The Government has been promoting Agro and Rural Industries through the Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP), Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY), schemes for development of the Khadi and coir sectors, etc. Further, in keeping with the declaration in the National Common Minimum Programme and the announcement in the July, 2004 budget speech of Finance Minister, the draft of the Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries has been prepared.

(c) In view of reply to parts (a) & (b) above, the question does not arise.

**Rural industrial units in Uttar Pradesh**

2474. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether rural industrial units are established under the National Programme on Rural Industrialisation in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) if so, the amount of fund allocated for the purpose and the outcome so far?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) and (b) Under the National Programme on Rural Industrialisation, two industrial clusters, namely, Textile Industry Cluster in Ambedkar Nagar District and Shoe & Chappal Industry Cluster in Faizabad District have been identified for development in Uttar Pradesh by the Directorate of Industries, Government of Uttar Pradesh.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Grant of Rs, 1 lakh has been sanctioned for conducting diagnostic study of these clusters and the studies have been completed during 2004-05.

**REGP in Jharkhand**

2475. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of steps taken, if any, for promotion of Khadi Gramodyog in the State of Jharkhand under the Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) since its inception;

(b) the details of projects financed, including their types, under REGP during the last three years and the job opportunities generated by them *vis-a-vis* target, district-wise; and

(c) the target fixed for 2004-05 and 2005-06?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) The details of the steps taken in this regard by the Government, in the State of Jharkhand, through the Khadi and Village Industries Commission KVIC), are as under:

(i) 2 rural Industries Consultancy Service Cells have been established at Ranchi and Gumla, Bishnupur.

(ii) 45 awareness camps and 33 district-level workshops were organized for creating awareness among the potential entrepreneurs.